



Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



Tuesday, March 2, 2004



Indicates new information

Superintendent

Colin's schedule:

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| Tuesday, 3/2 | – In the Park; Squad meeting @ 8:30 am |
| Wed., 3/3 | – In the Park |
| Thurs., 3/4 | – In the Park |
| Friday, 3/5 | – Trip down island (Tentative) |

Safety Notes--

Your contributions are greatly appreciated for the SandDollar and the safety bulletin board. Please send safety contributions to Pat.

Let's continue to encourage each other to be safe.

Make it a safe day.

Employees Association News

How about a nice outing to the Majestic Theatre in San Antonio to see NUNSENSE? This play is celebrating 20 years of making the world laugh. It features, Kaye Ballard, Georgia Engle, Mimi Hines, Darlene Love and Lee Meriwether.

This is through Rockport Tours; we travel in an air conditioned bus with a bathroom. We will stop for a "wonderful" dinner after our

matinee show. The date is APRIL 10 and it is \$109, all inclusive – transportation, ticket and dinner. It is loads of fun, they even play movies for us. We will make a pit stop on the trip up and back. It is worth it just to see the Majestic Theatre. PLEASE make your own arrangements directly through Rockport tours at 937-3488. Please mention you are with the Padre Island National Seashore group so they can seat us together. Don't wait too long, as these fill up quickly. Website: www.rockporttours.com.

Administration

Job Opening: Park Ranger, Interpreter, GS-025/4 – This position will be filled using the Student Temporary Employment Program. If you know anyone interested in applying for this position, they must be currently enrolled as a half-time student. Detailed resume and copy of college transcript may be faxed or e-mailed to Buzz at the Visitor Center. Contact Buzz for additional information.

Job Opening: Mail and File Clerk GS-305-3 - -This position will be filled using the Student Temporary Employment Program. If you know anyone interested in applying for this position, they must be currently enrolled as a half-time student. Must be able to type 40 words per minute. Applications must be received by March 8. Please contact Jeanie for additional information.

Job Opening: Visitor Use Assistant (fee collector) GS-303-4 - - This position will be filled using the Student Temporary Employment Program. If you know anyone interested in applying for this position, they must be currently enrolled as a half-time student. Applications must be received by March 18. Please contact Jeanie for additional information.

TEL Courses

Description of courses can be found at www.telmps.net

Mar 3	Interview Skills for Supervisors: finding the best match
Mar 3	Leave Administration
Mar 22	Retirement Planning for new employees

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| Mar 24 | Position descriptions - what every supervisor should know |
| Mar 24 | Managing Performance |
| Mar 25 | Managing worker's compensation
(2 classes 8-11a.m. or 12-3) |
| Apr 1 | Communication: The Key to Performance Management |
| Apr 1 | From Hugger to Harasser: The True Story behind Sexual Harassment |
| Apr 19 | Retirement Planning for New Employees |
| Apr 20 | IDP Module 210 - Prepare and Present an effective conducted Activity |
| Apr 26 | NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs |

The trailer will be used for TEL training on Mar 3, Mar 22, Mar 24, Mar 25, and Apr 1.

Facility Management

Date of our next fund raiser – the BBQ lunch – has been changed from Friday, March 5, to Thursday, March 4. Please see sign up sheets for the BBQ benefit luncheon for Chon. We need a head count so that there will be enough food.

Coming-up list of fund raiser events to benefit Chon:

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| March 4 | All You Can Eat BBQ plate lunch for \$10 per person |
| March 19 | Raffle. Information to follow |
| April 2 | Cakewalk. Information to follow. |

Thanks, folks, for all your consideration and help.

Interpretation

On Saturday the 28th, 15 students from Carroll High School National Honor Society picked up 10 bags of trash from South Beach.

Twelve people (nine students, three teachers) from the Arthur Morgan School in North Carolina picked up five bags of trash from North Beach on Sunday, February 29.

Volunteer Mike Smith suffered a heart attack a week ago while he and Elaine were in town after work. He was taken to Bay Area Hospital and as of Wednesday, was still in the Intensive Care Unit. We will give you updates on his condition as soon as we know.

Y Update as of Monday, 3/1: Mike is still in ICU but continuing to improve. He has regained consciousness and is talking.

On March 13, the park will host the National Parks America clean-up, sponsored by Unilever, Wal-Mart, and the National Parks Foundation. Please note that they are planning for about 300 people and therefore we should expect it to be about the same size as the Spring Adopt-a-beach clean-up.

Protection

Y Offshore Dispersant Exercise

The USCG will be conducting a dispersant exercise on Tuesday, March 9 as part of a conference they are hosting in Corpus Christi. The exercise will entail a C-130 low altitude fly-by where the aircraft will drop a load of potable water to simulate an actual event where they would drop dispersant in the event of an oil spill. The actual drop will occur outside our park boundary just east of the Malaquite Visitor Center. Approximately 40 conference attendees will view the event from the Malaquite Pavilion.

We do not have an exact time for the fly-by but it should be some time late morning. Time table is a bit open as the C-130 will be flying from Florida to conduct the drop.

TEXAS INTERAGENCY WILDFIRE ACADEMY @ LUFKIN, TX

DEAD LINE: 03/15/04 for Registration

Make sure you get the training nomination form to your supervisor and back to Randy Larson by March 15th. Also forward a copy of the completed form to Randy Scoggins.

There are deadlines on certain classes. Last year several classes had already been filled when we got our registration in. We have to work with Big Thicket that is the reason for the early deadline. The training schedule can

be viewed at the TICC web site www.tamu.edu/ticc. There is also a copy in the ranger station hallway. If you have any questions call me. Thanks, Randy S.

Resources Management

Projects:

- The Army Corps of Engineers will be in the park March 3 and 4 to evaluate 5 bombs site previously used by the military. This will continue evaluations started last March. Katie will be assisting them with location of the sites.
- The Great Blue Heron study will start on March 5 and continue every Friday through August or September. This is the second year for this project. Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program assists with this project.
- Katie will be sampling the washover basin at the 46-MM on Wednesday, March 17. This project will be twice a month throughout the year. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Katie.
- The mist-netting for neotropical migrants is starting soon. Anyone interested in assisting with banding and observing birds, please contact Darrell or Katie.
- The park has been approved for a SCA position this year. RM will possibly fund a position this year.

Oil and Gas

- The Peach Biological Opinion (BO) has been signed and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been signed by the regional director. BNP will start drilling very soon.

Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

Training of volunteers that will participate in our turtle patrols will be held on March 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20. We have volunteer vacancies with the program and welcome newcomers, *but the vacant spots are filling quickly!* People interested in volunteering with the

turtle patrol program should contact Cynthia by phone or e-mail so that they can sign up for the required one-day-long training session.

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